GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CUTTING OF TREES FOR CREMATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of trees are cut every year to cremate the dead bodies in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to develop a technology to make cremation more environment friendly; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the above.

(c) No such study has been conducted.

(d) Does not arise in view of the above.

(e)&(f) Electric crematoria are more environment friendly and are encouraged by the local town planning agencies in the State Governments.